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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11

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SUMMARY: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS SESSION ENDED WITH PRESS
CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 11 DURING WHICH DANISH MINISTER
ANDERSEN REPORTED THAT DAY'S DISCUSSIONS HAD INCLUDED
CSCE, POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH COMECON, AND MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION. MOST QUESTIONS REVOLVED AROUND 10-POINT
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AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, WHICH

PRESS REPORTS HAS BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON, AND EC DRAFT DECLARATION ON US-EC RELATIONS. ANDERSEN SAID EC ANSWER TO US HAD BEEN POSITIVE AND SHOULD LEAD TO SIMILAR RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON. HE HOPES TO DISCUSS DETAILS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN NEW YORK LATER THIS MONTH. END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND DAY OF EC FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ANTICLIMACTIC, AFTER LENGTHY SESSION ON MONDAY. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN TOLD AMBASSADOR DURING EVEING MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10 THAT SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES WISHED TO STOP HALF-WAY THROUGH DISCUSSION THAT DAY OF US-EC RELATIONS BUT HE HAD PERSUADED THEM TO COMPLETE WORK ON THAT SUBJECT "FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS" EVEN AT RISK OF MISSING DINNER. ANDERSEN MADE ESSENTIALLY SAME POINT AT CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 11 IN EXPLAINING WHY MONDAY'S PRESS BREIFING HELD SO LATE AND LEFT MANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.

2. ANDERSEN REVIEWED TUESDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN FEW WORDS: MINISTERS HAD AGREED THAT MEMBER OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION WOULD PARTICIPATE IN CSCE NEGOTIATIONS, AS MEMBER OF WHICHEVER EC COUNTRY HELD PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL. THIS WILL BE DENMARK UNTIL DECEMBER 31, FOLLOWED THEN BY FRG. ANDERSEN BRIEFED HIS COLLEAGUES ON INFORMAL VISIT OF COMECON SECRETARY GENERAL FADEYEV IN AUGUST (COPENHAGEN 2036) AND THEY AGREED TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH COMECON AT COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20. AS USUAL, HE ADDED, MINISTERS DISCUSSED MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, BUT HE DENIED THAT THEY WOULD FOLLOW UP THEIR DECLARATION ON US-EC RELATIONS WITH SIMILAR DRAFT ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTION.

3. ANDERSEN SAID EC HAD TRIED TO DRAFT A DECLARATION ON US-EC RELATIONS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE GOOD BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. HE BELIEVED THEY HAD GIVEN VERY POSITIVE ANSWER TO US AND WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM US. HE REFUSED TO CONFIRM AMERICAN NEWSMAN'S COMMENT THAT SUMIT MEETING NOW EXCLUDED BY SAYING WE HAVEN'T REALLY SETTLED ON LEVEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF MEETING AND ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES, WITHOUT HAVING VERY FIRM STANDPOINT ON MATTER. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD INFORMED AMBASSADOR ONLY YESTERDAY OF EC POSITION AND HIS HOPE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN NEW YORK AND I NOT EXPECT AN ANSWER FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS. HE COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED TO KEEP TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION OUT OF PRESS UNTIL EC AND US HAD AGREED ON IT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF BETTER FRENCH ATTITUDE IN FUTURE, FRG MINISTER SCHEEL COMMENTED HE EXPECTED FRANCE TO REMAIN AS GOOD A MEMBER OF EC AS IN THE PAST. HE THEN CORRECTED GOOD TO READ "EXCELLENT".

5. ANDERSEN PROFESSED TO FIND NO DIFFICULTY IN DISCUSSING WITH PRESIDENT ECONOMIC MATTERS WITHIN EC FRAMEWORK, POLITICAL MATTERS IN "LUXEMBOURG FRAMEWORK," AND DEFENSE IN NATO, BUT DECLINED TO BE SPECIFIC ON HOW MODALITIES OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE HANDLED. HE EXPLAINED HE WISHED TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AND TWICE REPEATED HE STILL HOPES TO VISIT WASHINGTON AS DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER.
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